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To prohibit assistance or reparations to Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Iran,
Saudi Arabia, and Syria.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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Korea, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Syria.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress makes the following findings:

5 (1) Saudi Arabia is the center of Wahabbism,
6 the ultra-purist, jihadist form of Islam followed by
7 members of Al Qaeda.

8 (2) More than 50 percent of the funding of
9 Hamas, a Palestinian terrorist organization, comes

1 from Saudi Arabia, and support for Hamas by Saudi
2 Arabia is increasing despite President Bush's re-
3 quest to the Government of Saudi Arabia to dis-
4 continue the provision of assistance to Palestinian
5 terrorist groups.

6 (3) Prince Nayef bin Abdel Aziz, the Saudi In-
7 terior Minister and a brother of King Fahd, oversees
8 the Saudi Committee for the Support of Al Quds
9 Intifada, which provides assistance to the families of
10 Palestinian suicide bombers through specially des-
11 ignated bank accounts. According to Arab News, a
12 Saudi daily, a single telethon early last year raised
13 approximately \$112,000,000 for Al Quds.

14 (4) The Government of Saudi Arabia provided
15 cash payments of \$5,333 to each family of "mar-
16 tyrs" killed while trying to murder Israelis.

17 (5) In June 2003, a senior Saudi official, Dr.
18 Abdul Wahid Al-Humaid, published the following
19 quote in a series of Saudi periodicals: "The Jews
20 . . . have succeeded in [winning] world sympathy by
21 playing on the Holocaust and Nazi atrocities. The
22 result has been a world that gradually shifted from
23 disliking Jews to sympathizing with them. The Jews
24 are masters at manipulating the media, money,
25 world organizations and pressure groups."

1 (6) In the spring of 2002, United States Armed
2 Forces in Sarajevo discovered in the office of the
3 Saudi High Commission for Relief of Bosnia and
4 Herzegovina documents that proved that Saudi Ara-
5 bia provided funding to Hamas to enable it to
6 produce a short-range missile called the “Qassam”.

7 (7) During the summer of 2000 in San Diego,
8 a known Saudi intelligence agent, Omar al-Bayoumi,
9 hosted Khalid Almihdhar and Nawaf Alhazmi, two
10 of the individuals who subsequently hijacked com-
11 mercial aircraft on September 11, 2001, and crashed
12 the aircraft into the twin towers of the World Trade
13 Center in New York City and into the Pentagon. Al-
14 Bayoumi met Almihdhar and Alhazmi in Los Ange-
15 les, directed them to a Muslim community in San
16 Diego, and even wrote a check for their apartment
17 deposit.

18 (8) The wife of the Saudi Ambassador to the
19 United States, Princess Haifa al-Faisal, transferred
20 \$15,000 in 1998, and then \$2,000 a month there-
21 after, to a Saudi resident of San Diego, Osama
22 Bassnan. During the same period, Bassnan and an-
23 other man who apparently also received Saudi finan-
24 cial support helped two other individuals who subse-

1 quently committed the terrorist attacks on Sep-
2 tember 11, 2001.

3 (9) For more than a month after the terrorist
4 attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, the
5 Government of Saudi Arabia refused to freeze the fi-
6 nancial assets of Osama bin Laden, the individual
7 who masterminded the terrorist attacks.

8 (10) Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau
9 of Investigation Robert M. Bryant stated that the
10 Government of Saudi Arabia has prevented FBI in-
11 vestigators from interviewing any civilians who wit-
12 nessed or may have been involved in the bombing in
13 1996 of Khobar Towers, a United States military
14 housing installation in Saudi Arabia, in which 19
15 United States servicemen were killed.

16 (11) In April 1995, the Government of Saudi
17 Arabia prevented the United States Government
18 from apprehending Imad Mighniyah, the head of the
19 Palestinian terrorist organization Hezbollah, and
20 who had planned the bombing in 1983 of the United
21 States Marine barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, in which
22 241 Marines were killed. The Government of Saudi
23 Arabia ignored the request of United States Na-
24 tional Security Advisor Anthony Lake to allow the

1 aircraft that was carrying Mighniyah to land in a lo-
2 cation where Mighniyah could be apprehended.

3 (12) During the first Gulf War, Saudi officials
4 would not allow United States troops to hold formal
5 Christmas services on Saudi territory, even as the
6 United States was protecting Saudi Arabia from
7 Iraqi invasion.

8 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST DIRECT FUNDING FOR CER-**
9 **TAIN COUNTRIES.**

10 No funds appropriated or otherwise made available
11 pursuant to an Act making appropriations for foreign op-
12 erations, export financing, and related programs may be
13 obligated or expended to finance directly any assistance
14 or reparations to Cuba, Libya, North Korea, Iran, Saudi
15 Arabia, or Syria. For purposes of the preceding sentence,
16 the prohibition on obligations or expenditures shall include
17 direct loans, credits, insurance, and guarantees of the Ex-
18 port-Import Bank of the United States or its agents.

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